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University Grants Commission SAARC Fellowships

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Introduction

The University Grants Commission SAARC fellowship scheme is an educational scheme headed by the University Grants Commission or UGC. This scheme is also known as the SAARC Chair, Fellowship and Scholarship Scheme. The University Grants Commission is a statutory entity administered and controlled by the Government of India.

The UGC was established in November 1956 in terms of an Act of Parliament and is responsible for setting and maintaining the standards of university education in India.

The University Grants Commission SAARC Fellowships assist scholars or fellows gain appropriate teaching experience at the post graduate level and also giving them with a valuable scope to come out with research papers and other publications.

The UGC has its headquarters in New Delhi and regional centers at Pune, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bhopal, Guwahati and Bangalore. The University Grants Commission SAARC Fellowships aims to:

- Bring about a bonding and foster a healthy relationship and understanding among the people of the South Asian region.
- Bring about an enhancement in the skill sets of the workforce in the countries of SAARC region by fostering their social and economic growth.
- To encourage scholars in SAARC countries to make further progress in their educational career. Main aim is to help them contribute effectively to the improvement of people in SAARC countries by enhancing their knowledge base.

Eligibility Criteria for the UGC SAARC Fellowship

The eligibility criteria for the SAARC Fellowships are quoted below:

- Candidates who are desirous of their academic career must have PHD degree. He or She should be employed in either a university, research institute or any other educational organization.
- The research fellows will have to carry out research work and at the same time teach students.

Duration

The duration of University Grants Commission SAARC Fellowships must not be less than 6 months

Application Procedure for the UGC SAARC Fellowship

- The SAARC Secretariat intimates the University Grant Commissions as well as ministries of all SAARC countries about the Fellowship Scheme well ahead of the scheduled time for commencement of the scheme.
- A detailed write-up on the Fellowship Scheme is taken out by the SAARC secretariat every year.
- To help the Secretariat publish this brochure, SAARC member countries will send the particulars of the course to the Secretariat. The particulars will have the details on the value of the fellowship, eligibility, duration, last date for receipt of application etc.
- Once the compilation of the write-up is completed, the same is passed around to all SAARC member countries for further distribution.
- The scheme for the Fellowship is also made public in the official website of the SAARC secretariat.

Value of Scholarships

The financial assistance provided under the SAARC Fellowships are as follows:

- The fellowship should be equivalent to that of a Reader or Associate Professor in the fellow's university or the university where he has come to do research work. The higher of the two scales will be awarded.
- The fellowship gives for waiver of fees for admission, tuition and visa.
- The fellowship also gives for cost of purchase of books, lodging and for other living expenses.
- The air fare incurred by the scholar should be given by the government of the country to which the scholar hails from:

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